

**THE CHAPTER HOUSE CHOIR
ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS
31 JULY 2025**

Charity Number 511629

THE CHAPTER HOUSE CHOIR

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name The Chapter House Choir

Charity registration number 511629

Principal office c/o Adrian Fuller
CHC Treasurer
19 Bilsdale Close
York
YO30 5TT

The trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

<i>Chairperson</i>	Sarah Hewlett
<i>Secretary</i>	Richard Parkinson
<i>Treasurer</i>	Adrian Fuller
	David Frith
	Christopher Davies
	Anna Burr
	Richard Benson
	Fran Reid (appointed January 2025)
	Rosie Knighton (appointed January 2025)

Independent examiner Stephen Douglas, *LL.B.(Hons), M.Phil.(Cantab), F.C.A.*
Old Joiners Cottage, Marton, York, YO62 6RD

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity's objects are to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of music and in particular choral music and *a capella* works by the presentation of public concerts and recitals and by such other means as the society through its Committee shall from time to time determine. The Charity is administered by a Committee, the members of which during the financial year are as shown above. The Musical Director attends meetings of the Committee.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Choir's 2024/25 season started on 10th September when they sang *Compline* in York Minster.

On 26th October the Choir travelled to Selby Abbey where they were asked to sing at a wedding.

The first concert in the 2024/25 season was "Celestial Songs" to celebrate the anniversaries of the births of Bruckner, Holst and Baird and the deaths of Stanford and Ethel Smyth. This was held on 16th November at St Olave's Church York.

The Choir was joined by the Youth Choir in the Nave of York Minster on 20th December in our annual "Carols by Candlelight".

The Choir then sang Epiphany Evensong in York Minster on 6th January 2025 followed by *Compline* on 25th February. In a welcome return to the Chapter House on 5th April the Choir gave a performance of the St John Passion by Heinrich Schutz and the Mass for Double Choir by Frank Martin.

On 15th May the Choir were pleased to be asked to sing in the service at York Minster commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the founding of St Leonard's Hospice.

The summer concert at St Olave's Church in York on 21st June (repeated in Easingwold Church on 5th July) was entitled "Clair de Lune" a performance of a variety of works based on expressions and representations of the moon.

The Youth Choir gave a range of performances in the 2024-5 season, starting with singing at a launch event for Y-Music on 24th October, the new organisation for the merged York Music Hub and North Yorkshire Music Hub. After half term, there was a major performance for *Ripon Concerts*, a concert for remembrance on Sunday 10th November with celebrated tenor Nicholas Watts and pianist David Cowan, alongside Poet Laureate Simon Armitage. Later in the term, they sang again with the Gabrieli Consort for their ROAR concert at York Minster, and with the Chapter House Choir for 'Carols by Candlelight'. In Spring 2025 term, they prepared a varied programme of music for St Olave's on 29th March, and in the Summer term, started early preparations for the concert on 25th October 2025.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts show a surplus this year of £7,276 (a deficit of £253 last year).

The main contributor to this during the year was the surplus of £8,373 on the sold-out Carol concert in the Minster in December. The income and costs from other concerts were significantly smaller.

The cost of rehearsals was largely met from the subscription income, with the balance funded from concert surplus.

The Youth Choir broke even during the year.

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PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Choir's 2025/26 season marks its 60th Anniversary. The season started on 9th September when they sang Compline in York Minster.

Their autumn concert, dedicated to Remembrance, will be held on 25th October at Jack Lyons Hall in the University of York. It will be a celebration of 60 years of music-making and the Choir will be joined by the Youth Choir and the Jervaulx Singers.

This year's "Carols by Candlelight" will be held in the Nave of York Minster on 19th December.

The Choir will, once again, sing Epiphany Evensong in York Minster on 6th January.

The Choir will travel to Ely Cathedral on 7th March where they will join the Fairhaven Singers in a performance of Britten's "War Requiem".

The programme for later in the season has yet to be finalised but the spring concert will provide a welcome return to the Chapter House on 18th April 2024. To conclude their 60th Anniversary season the Choir will perform a Summer Gala concert at St Olave's Church in York on 27th June.

Plans for the Youth Choir in 2025-6 include joining the performance on 25th October with the Chapter House Choir and Jervaulx Singers, Carols by Candlelight on 19th December, a service of Evensong at York Minster with Repton School Chapel Choir and Jervaulx Singers, and a co-composition project with composer Michael Betteridge and librettist Laura Attridge.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Stephen Douglas has been re-appointed as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

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Signed on behalf of the trustees

4th November 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
CHAPTER HOUSE CHOIR
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2025 which are set out below.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Independent Examiner
Old Joiners Cottage, Marton, York, YO62 6RD

4th November 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	Note	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generating funds:			
Voluntary income	2	13,712	12,610
Investment income	3	524	366
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	28,081	29,737
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>42,317</u>	<u>42,713</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable expenditure	5	(35,041)	(42,966)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>(35,041)</u>	<u>(42,966)</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	6	7,276	(253)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>39,960</u>	40,213
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>47,236</u></u>	<u><u>39,960</u></u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

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	Note	2025 £	£	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	8		12,767	13,439
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	9	2,330		-
Cash at bank and in hand		34,217		26,541
		<u>36,547</u>		<u>26,541</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(2,078)</u>		<u>(20)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			34,469	39,960
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>47,236</u>	<u>39,960</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>47,236</u>	<u>39,960</u>
FUNDS				
Unrestricted income funds	11		<u>47,236</u>	<u>39,960</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>47,236</u>	<u>39,960</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These accounts were approved and signed by the member of the committee and authorised for issue on 4th November 2025.

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Fixed assets comprise the choir's stock of music, instruments and equipment.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset at 5% per annum.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations & Grants		
General donations	4	-
Grant to Youth Choir	-	100
Subscriptions from members	6,444	5,536
Subscriptions from Patrons	1,342	1,310
Gift Aid claims	2,139	2,013
Music Hire	30	60
Subscriptions from youth choir	3,753	3,591
	<u>13,712</u>	<u>12,610</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	524	366
	<u>524</u>	<u>366</u>

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4. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
CD Sales	-	-
Royalties	-	-
Income from concerts	27,475	28,791
Income from Youth Choir concerts	606	946
Sundry income	-	-
	<u>28,081</u>	<u>29,737</u>

5. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Concert expenses	15,537	22,489
Rehearsal venue hire	2,590	2,820
Music	1,967	2,186
Music Director's fees	6,806	7,857
Music Director's fees Youth Choir	5,200	4,583
Rehearsal pianist	-	112
Subscriptions & insurance	700	675
Sundry expenses	122	124
Choral Bursaries	250	-
Computer & website costs	309	41
Depreciation	672	707
Performing Rights	67	118
Net charity donations	-	-
Sundry expenses Youth Choir	821	1,254
	<u>35,041</u>	<u>42,966</u>

6. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

This is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation	<u>672</u>	<u>707</u>

7. STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the member of the committee, during the year.

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£
COST	
At 1 August 2024	
&	
At 31 July 2025	<u>26,058</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 August 2024	12,619
Charge for the year	<u>672</u>
At 31 July 2025	<u>13,291</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 July 2025	<u>12,767</u>
At 31 July 2024	<u>13,439</u>

9. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Debtors and Prepayments	<u>2,330</u>	<u>-</u>

10. CREDITORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Receipts in advance & Creditors	<u>2,078</u>	<u>20</u>

11. UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 August 2024	Incoming resources	Balance at 31 July 2025
	£	£	£
General Funds	<u>39,960</u>	<u>7,276</u>	<u>47,236</u>